GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW TECHNIQUES FOR CATARACT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cataract and other eye related diseases are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, whether laser technique for eye operation is very helpful and easy;

(c) if so, whether this facility is available under the CGHS;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to include this system of operation under CGHS; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) No, Sir. Recent studies indicates reduction in prevalence of blindness due to cataract and other diseases.

(b) Treatment with laser is useful in some cases of glaucoma and retinal diseases and post-operative opacity following cataract surgery.

(c) &(d) No, Sir.

(e)to(f) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.